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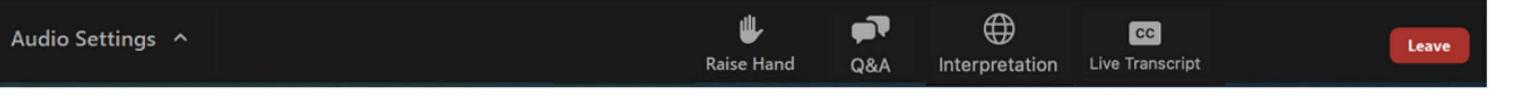
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Thank you for joining our meeting. We appreciate your participation!

#### **Panelists**

#### **MassDOT**

- Bryan Cordeiro, Project
   Manager
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- Janathan Moore,
   Producer/Facilitator
- Joe Yoo, Producer/Facilitator
- Roy Kirwa, Producer/Facilitator

#### **FHWA**

- Cassandra Ostrander,
   Program Development
   Team Leader
- Joi Singh, Division
   Administrator

#### **USACE**

- Craig Martin, Navigation
   Section New England
   District
- Scott Acone, Programs and Project
   Management Division

#### **Design Team**

- Dave Anderson, Project
   Manager
- Mark Kolonoski, Deputy Project Manager and Environmental Lead
- Joe Cahill, Lead Civil Designer
- John Smith, Lead Bridge Designer

#### Agenda

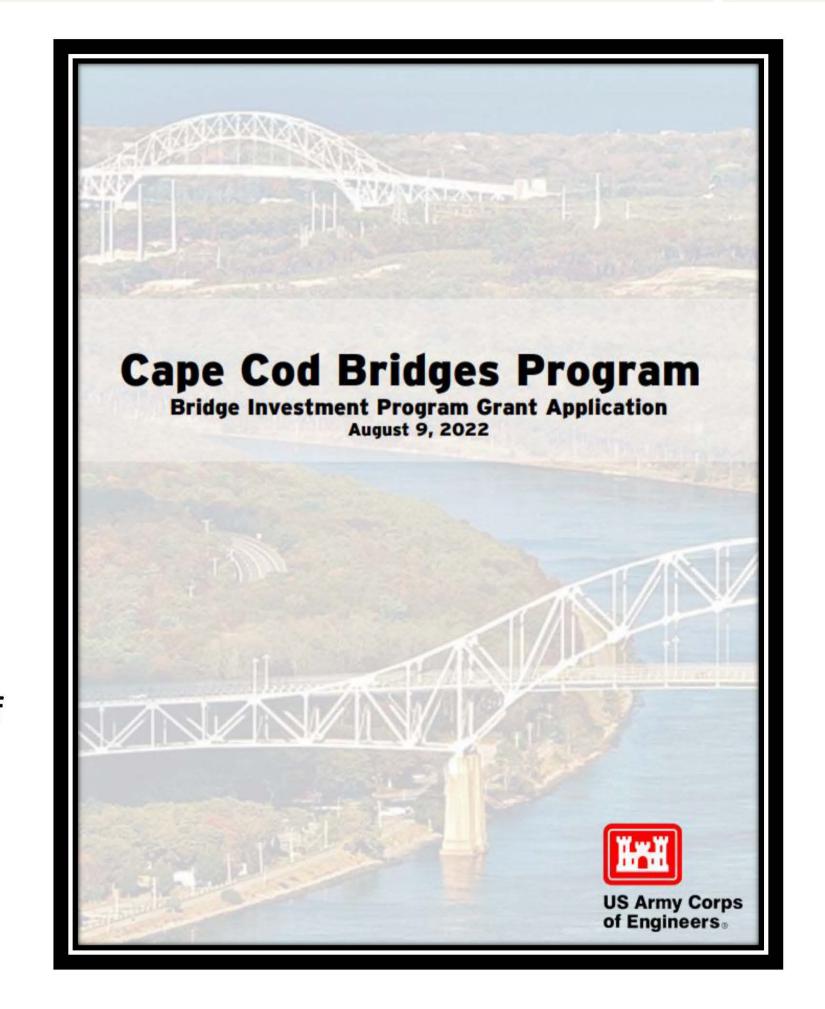
- **01** Update on Grant Opportunities
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- **04** Next Steps



## Update on Grant Opportunities

#### **Update on Funding Grants**

- The USACE, in partnership with MassDOT, submitted grant applications associated with the INFRA, Mega and Bridge Investment Program (BIP) provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- USACE has been informed funding will not be awarded under the 2022 INFRA, Mega and BIP Large Bridge
   Program
- USDOT briefed USACE and MassDOT on their evaluation of the Bridge Investment Program (Large Bridge) application
- USACE and MassDOT intend to pursue IIJA funding for the FY 2023 round of NOFOs





# Round 4 Public Meeting Update

#### Round 4 Public Meeting Recap

January 24, 2023: **677 Attendees** 

January 26, 2023: **314 Attendees** 

**Design Topics Presented** 

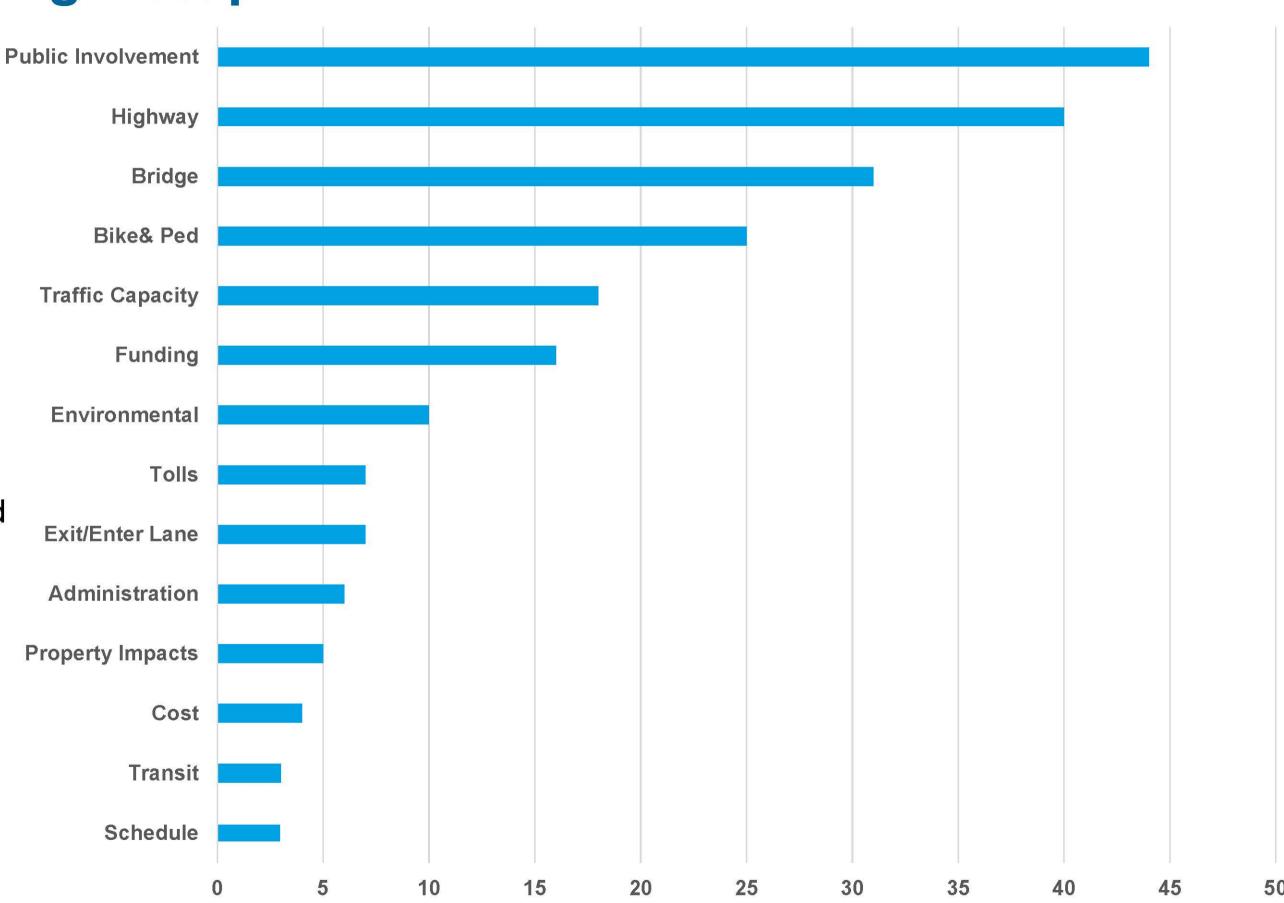
- Lane Configuration
- Roadway Grades
- Roadway Locations

219 Public Comments Received

More than half the comments received

focused on the following topics:

- Public Involvement
- Bridge Design
- Highway Design



#### **Public Involvement Plan**

MassDOT is coordinating the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) with FHWA and USACE

The PIP is now available for viewing on the Program website

https://www.mass.gov/doc/cape-cod-bridges-program-public-involvement-plan/download

MassDOT is in the process of appointing members to the Advisory Group

- Membership will represent local interests
- Meeting quarterly beginning in Spring 2023

Prior the Round 5 Public Meetings, MassDOT will meet with the following stakeholders/groups:

- Elected Officials
- Town of Bourne Representatives
- Chambers of Commerce
- Cape Cod Commission
- Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
- Bourne Recreation Authority



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#### Public Involvement Plan

Cape Cod Bridges Program

March 2023



#### Frequently Asked Questions from Public Feedback

Were alternatives considered that overlapped the existing bridge locations?

Yes. Overlapping options were evaluated. The overlapping options resulted in greater property impacts and greater constructability challenges compared to the Inboard options described during the Round 4 public meetings.



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## **Bourne Bridge Overlapping Option**

Bourne Bridge Approach Businesses

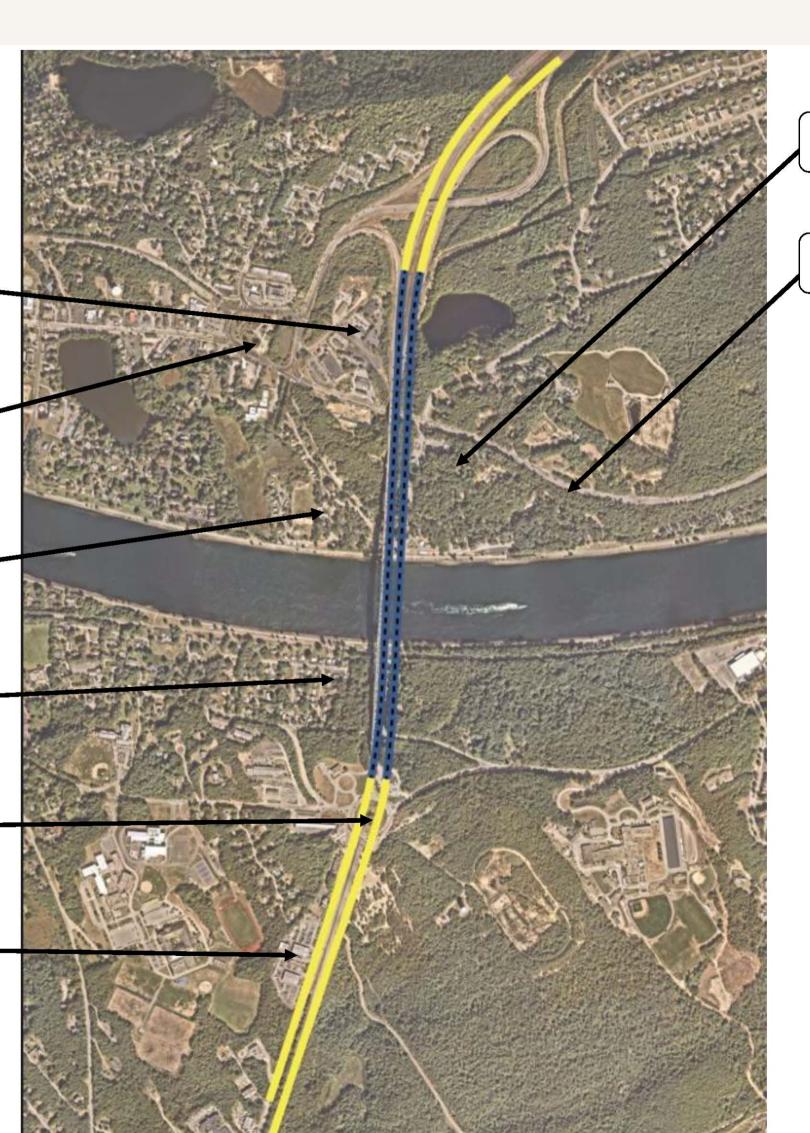
Belmont Circle

Bourne Scenic Park

Emerson/Winslow Neighborhood

Bourne Rotary

MacArthur Blvd Businesses



**Bourne Scenic Park** 

Scenic Highway

#### Legend

Bridge Structures ----

Roadways

Were mainline locations that overlap the existing bridges considered?

#### Roadway Location – Bourne Bridge

#### **Property**

- The Overlapping option impacts are similar on the east side of the mainline compared to the Inboard
- The Overlapping option impacts are greater on the west side of the mainline compared to the Inboard

#### Constructability

- The Overlapping option has a longer construction duration (approximately 1 year) compared to Inboard
- Construction at the existing Bourne Rotary would be extremely challenging and complex with more stages than the Inboard option

#### Sagamore Bridge Overlapping Option

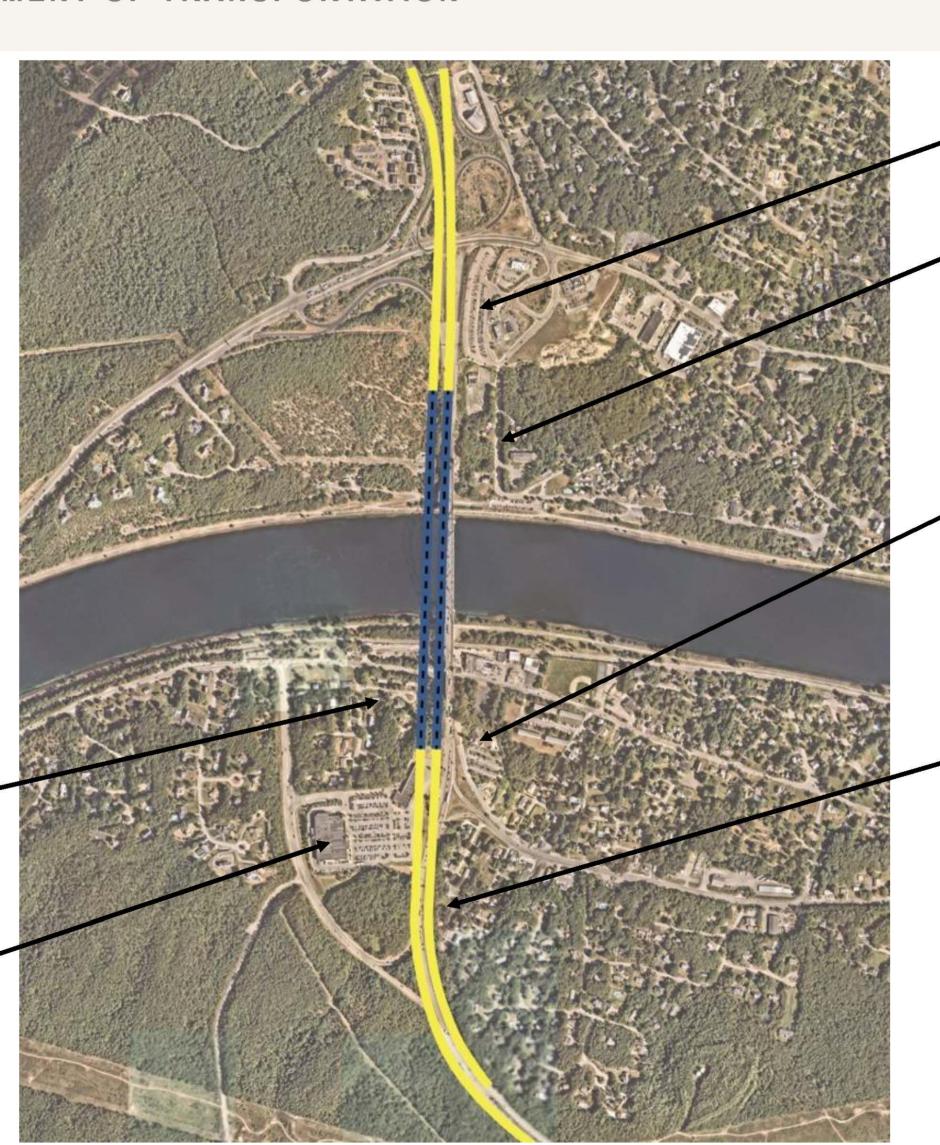
#### Legend

**Bridge Structures ----**

Roadways

Eleanor Ave/Cecilia Terrace Neighborhood

Market Basket



Park and Ride

Canal St Neighborhood

Christmas Tree Shops

Marconi/Adams St Neighborhood

Were mainline locations that overlap the existing bridges considered?

#### Roadway Location – Sagamore Bridge

#### **Property**

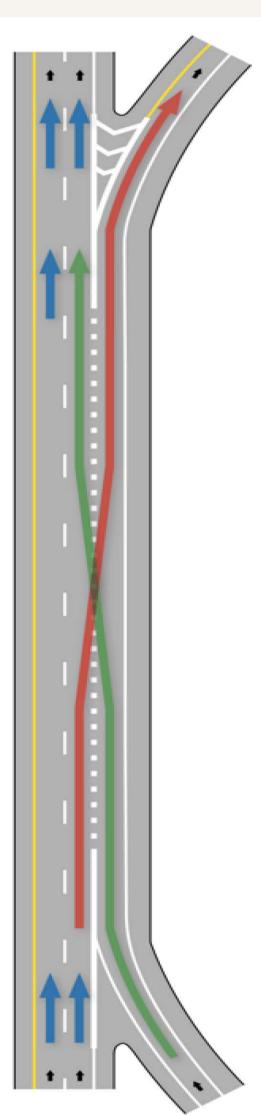
- The property impacts directly related to the mainline location are similar for both the Overlapping option and the Inboard.
- The Overlapping option has greater property impacts both On-Cape and Off-Cape when the ramp connections are considered.

#### Constructability

- The Overlapping option requires On-Ramp traffic from Cranberry Highway to Route 6 WB to be closed for an extended period of time.
- The Overlapping option requires Off-Ramp traffic from Route 6 WB to Meetinghouse Lane to be closed for an extended period of time.

#### Multimodal Accommodations

 Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along State Road may not be possible with the Partial Inboard



#### Frequently Asked Questions from Public Feedback

Why are the Entrance / Exit Lanes necessary?

- The Entrance/Exit lanes are necessary due to the short distance between adjacent ramps
- The Entrance/Exit lanes provide space for vehicles entering the mainline roadway to safely weave into the through travel lane
- The Entrance/Exit lanes also provide space for vehicles exiting the mainline roadway to safely weave onto the exit ramp
- These lanes would only exist between the nearest on ramp on one side of the canal and the nearest off ramp on the other side of the canal



#### Frequently Asked Questions from Public Feedback

Will the Entrance
/ Exit lanes
increase
capacity?

- The roadways connecting to the bridges on the north and south sides of the canal are not proposed to have an increased number of travel lanes
- Therefore, the capacity of the roadways on the north and south sides of the canal will not be increased
- Safety and traffic operation improvements are specifically isolated to the bridges and the interchanges immediately north and south of the bridges
- These improvements may result in travel time savings crossing the bridges, however the regional roadway network will be largely unchanged



## Roadway Connection Alternatives



ROADWAY OPTIONS SCREENING CRITERIA

#### **Roadway Connection Alternatives**

- A wide range of alternatives were explored
- All the alternatives to be presented today were determined to be:
  - Consistent with the Purpose and Need of the project
  - Reasonable and feasible
- A more detailed alternatives analysis will be included in the Environmental Notification
   Form which will be made available for public review and comment
- Alternatives are based on the Inboard alignment

#### **Roadway Connection Alternatives**

Alternatives to be presented today are conceptual

- Exact locations will be refined as design advances
- Conceptual sketches do not yet depict the area necessary to construct the alternatives
- Shared Use Path (SUP) locations are shown schematically to show the intent to connect to the Canal services roads and the local roadways
- Analysis of future traffic operations is ongoing
- These topics will be discussed at future public meetings as conceptual design advances



## Bourne Roadway Connection Alternatives



Bourne Bridge Approach Businesses

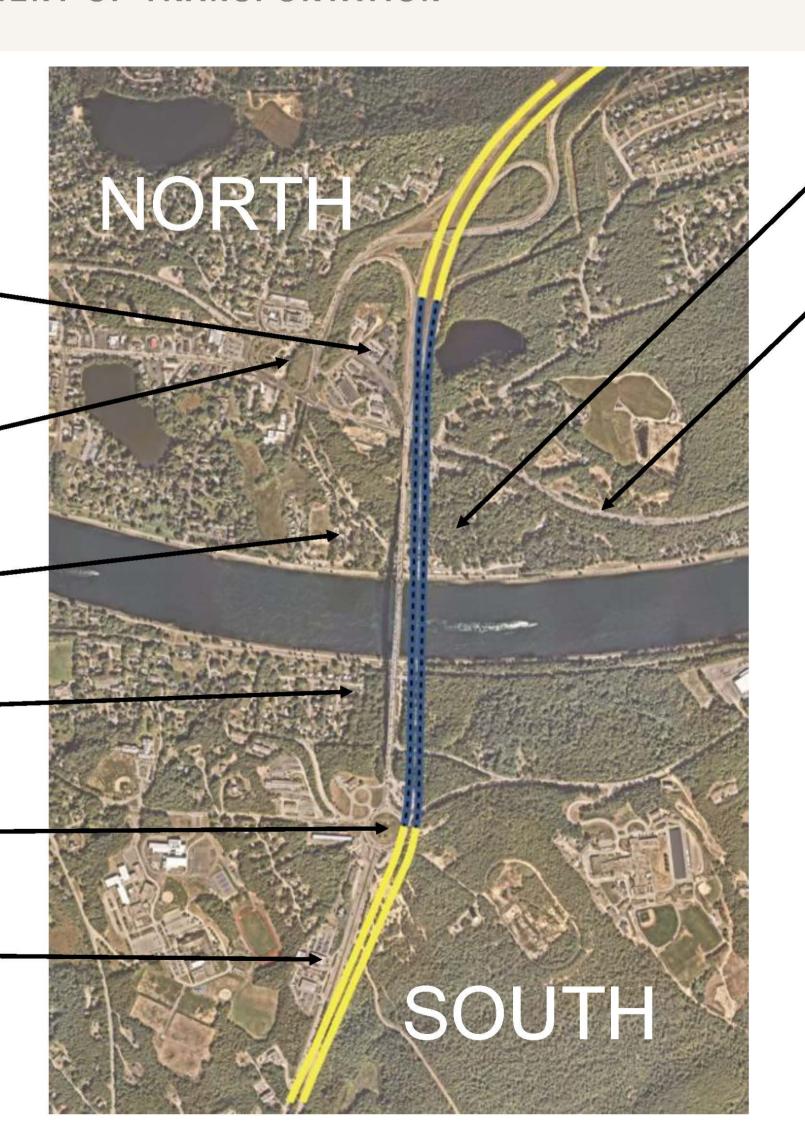
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**Bourne Rotary** 

MacArthur Blvd Businesses



Bourne Scenic Park

Scenic Highway

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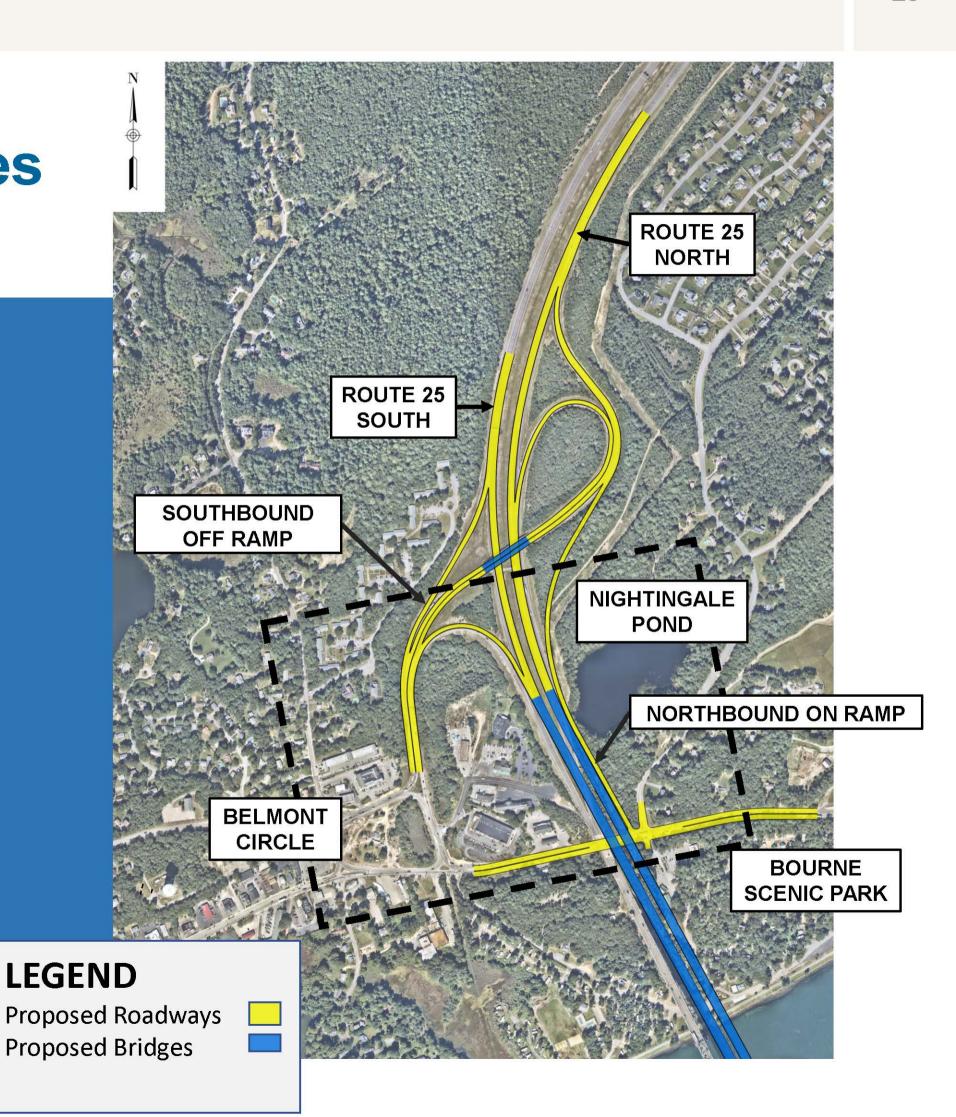
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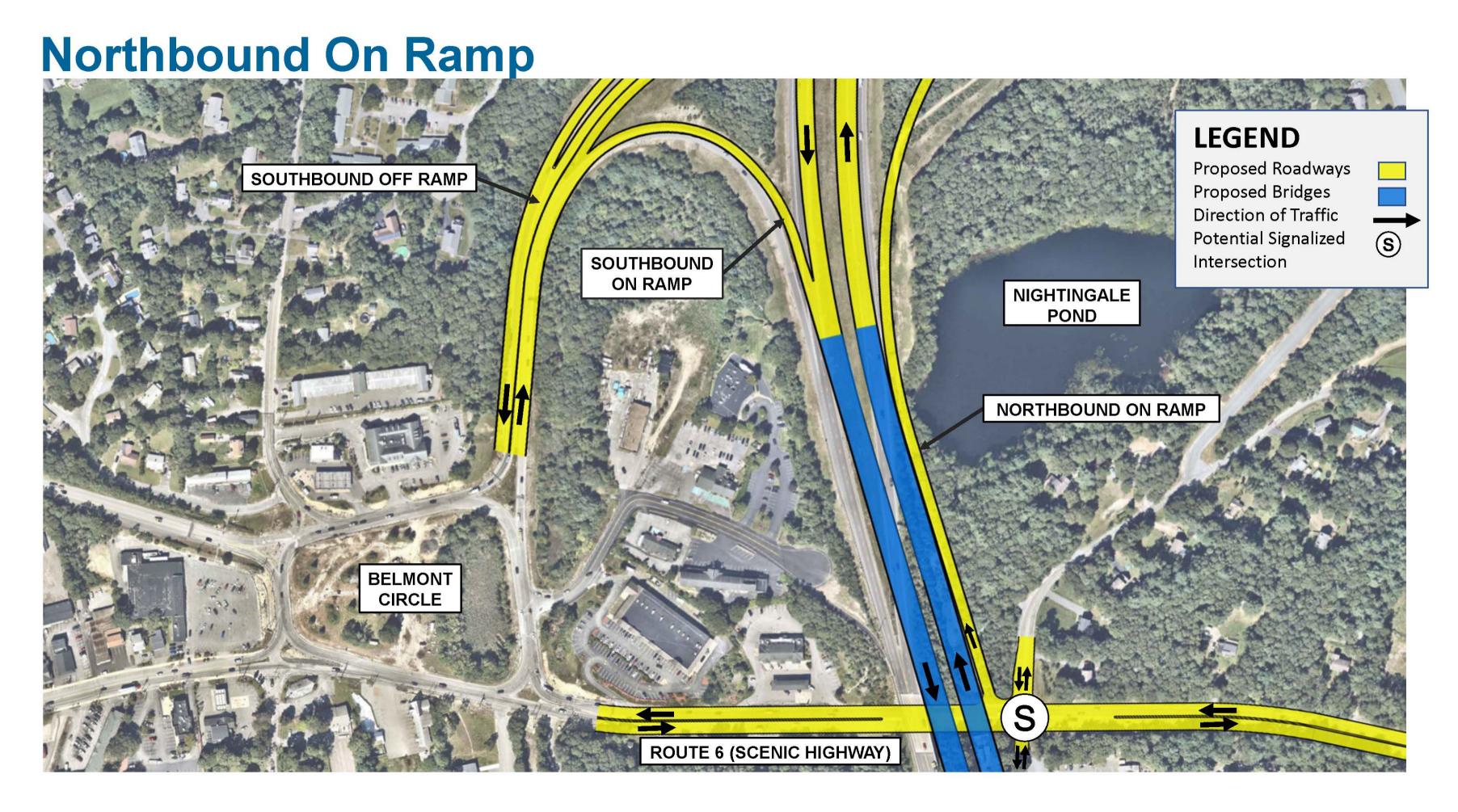


## Roadway Connection Alternatives Northbound On-Ramp

#### **Design Considerations**

- Improves connectivity by adding an additional northbound ramp
- All other connections are similar to existing conditions
- Anticipated to improve operations and safety at Belmont Circle
- Minimizes Right-of-Way impacts





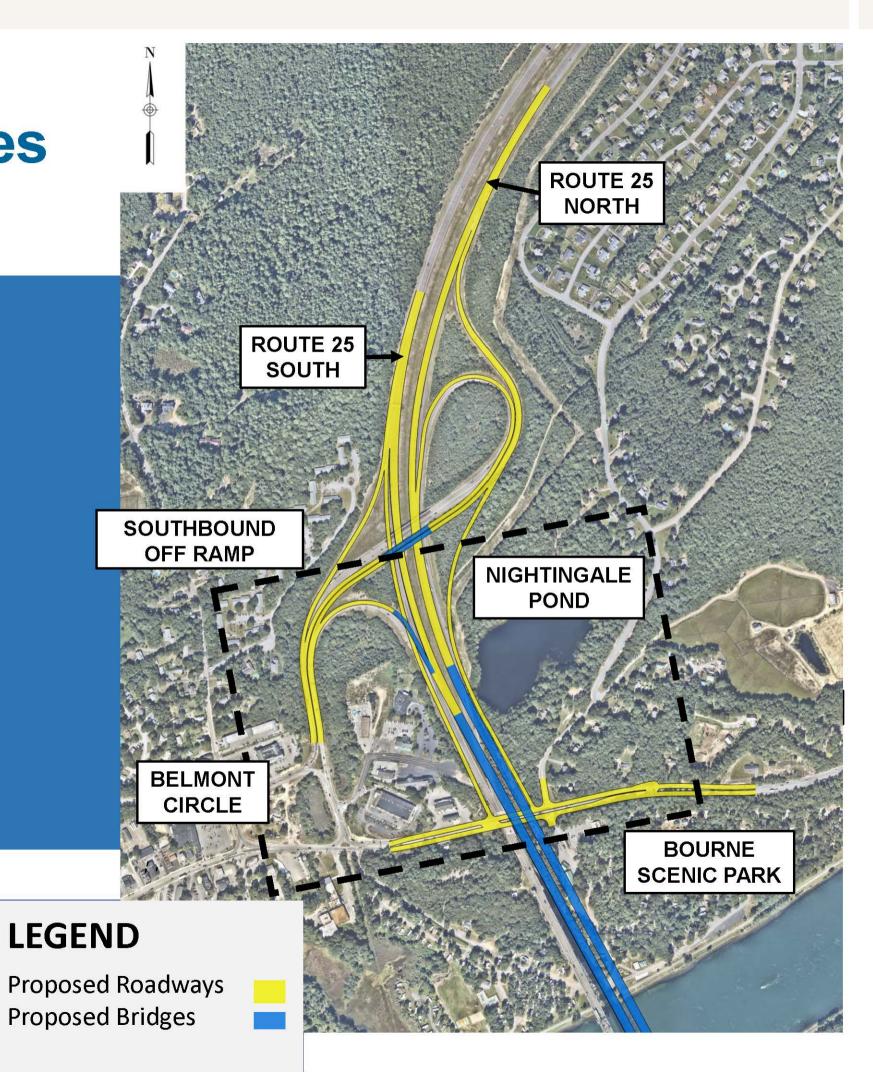


Northbound On Ramp **LEGEND** Proposed Roadways SOUTHBOUND OFF RAMP **Proposed Bridges SUP Directions** Direction of Traffic SOUTHBOUND Potential Signalized S ON RAMP Intersection **NIGHTINGALE POND** TO CANAL ACCESS PATH AND LOCAL NORTHBOUND ON RAMP **ROADS BELMONT CIRCLE ROUTE 6 (SCENIC HIGHWAY** 

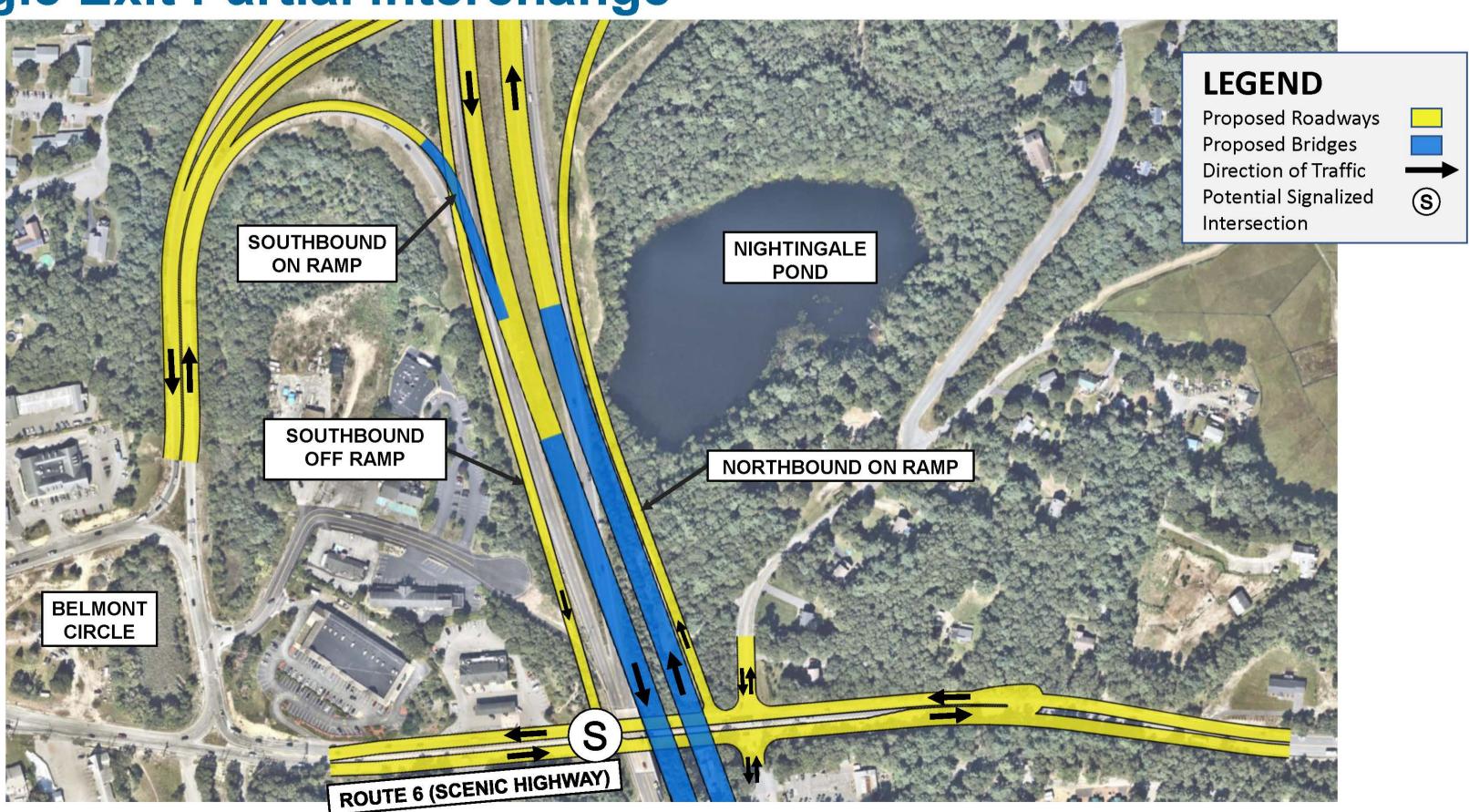
## Roadway Connection Alternatives Single Exit Partial Interchange

#### **Design Considerations**

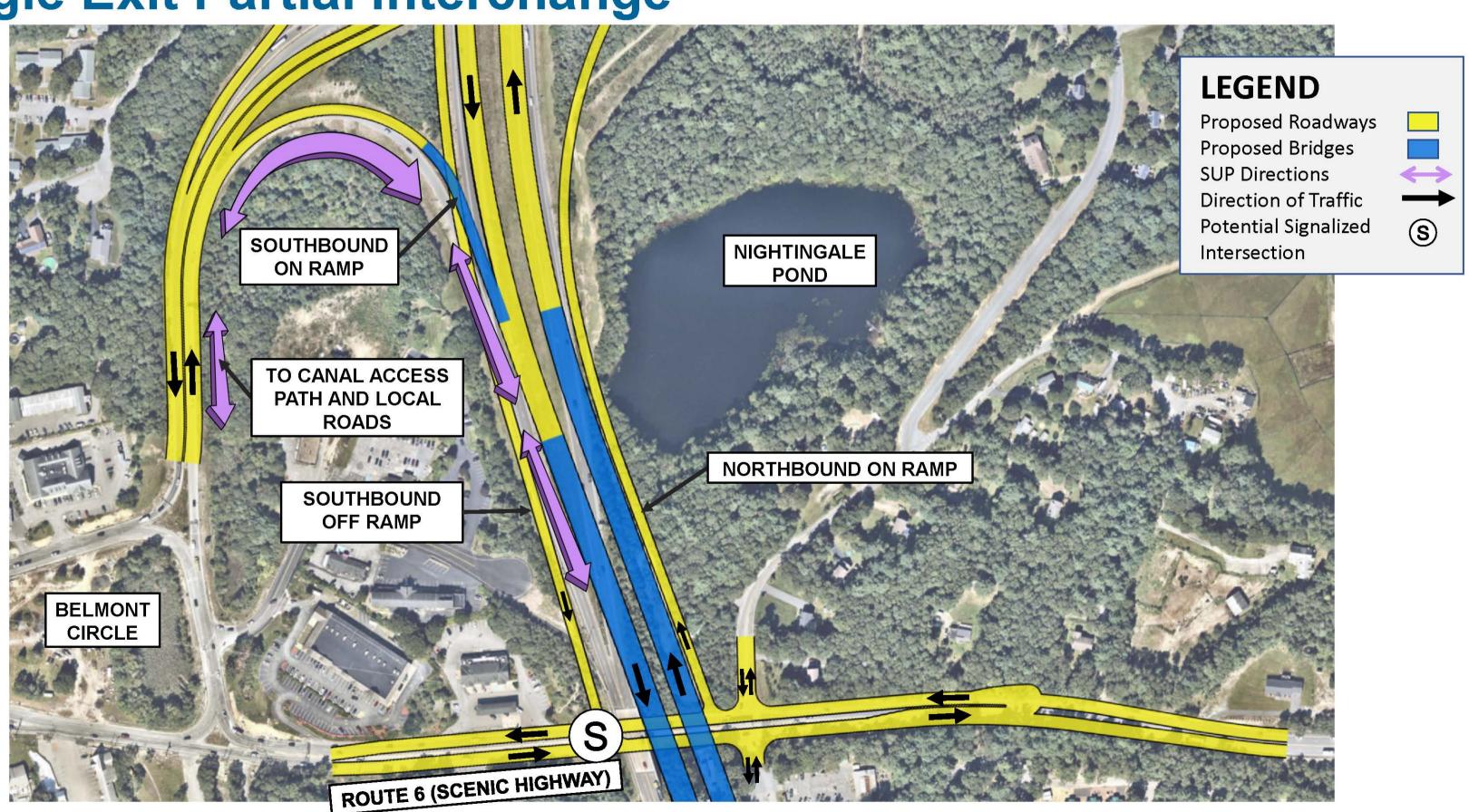
- Introduces new Southbound Off-Ramp and Northbound On-Ramp with direct connections between Route 25 to Scenic Highway
- Anticipated to improve operations and safety at Belmont Circle
- Minimizes Right-of-Way impacts



Single Exit Partial Interchange



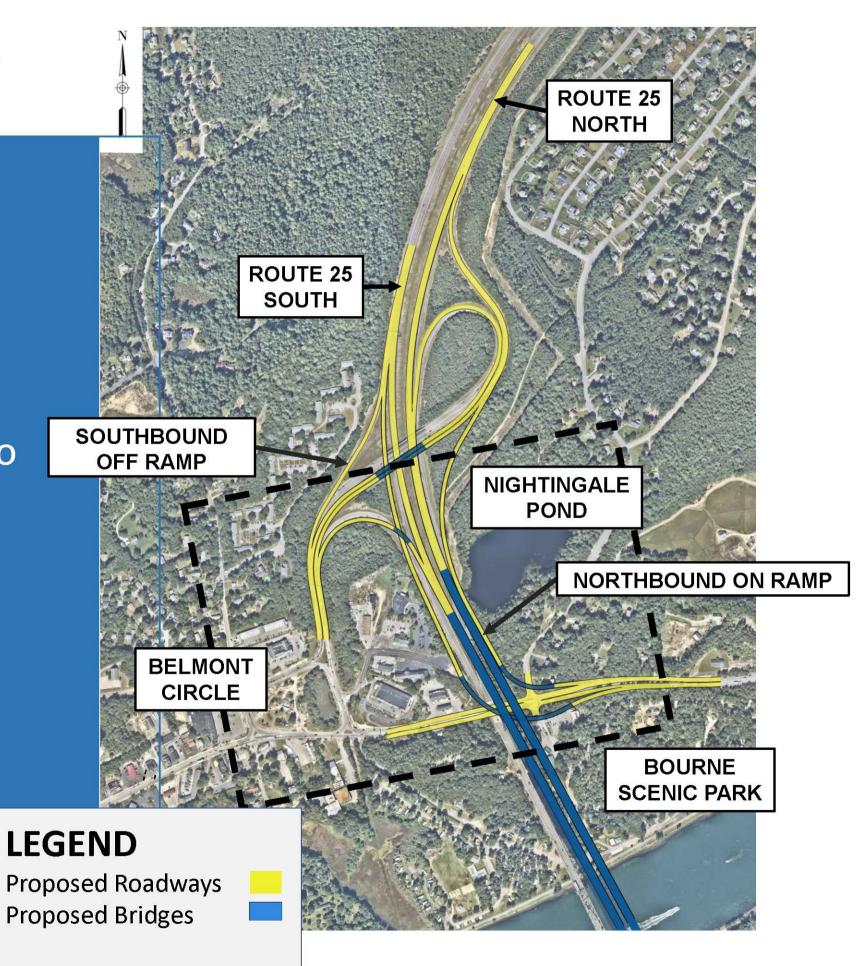
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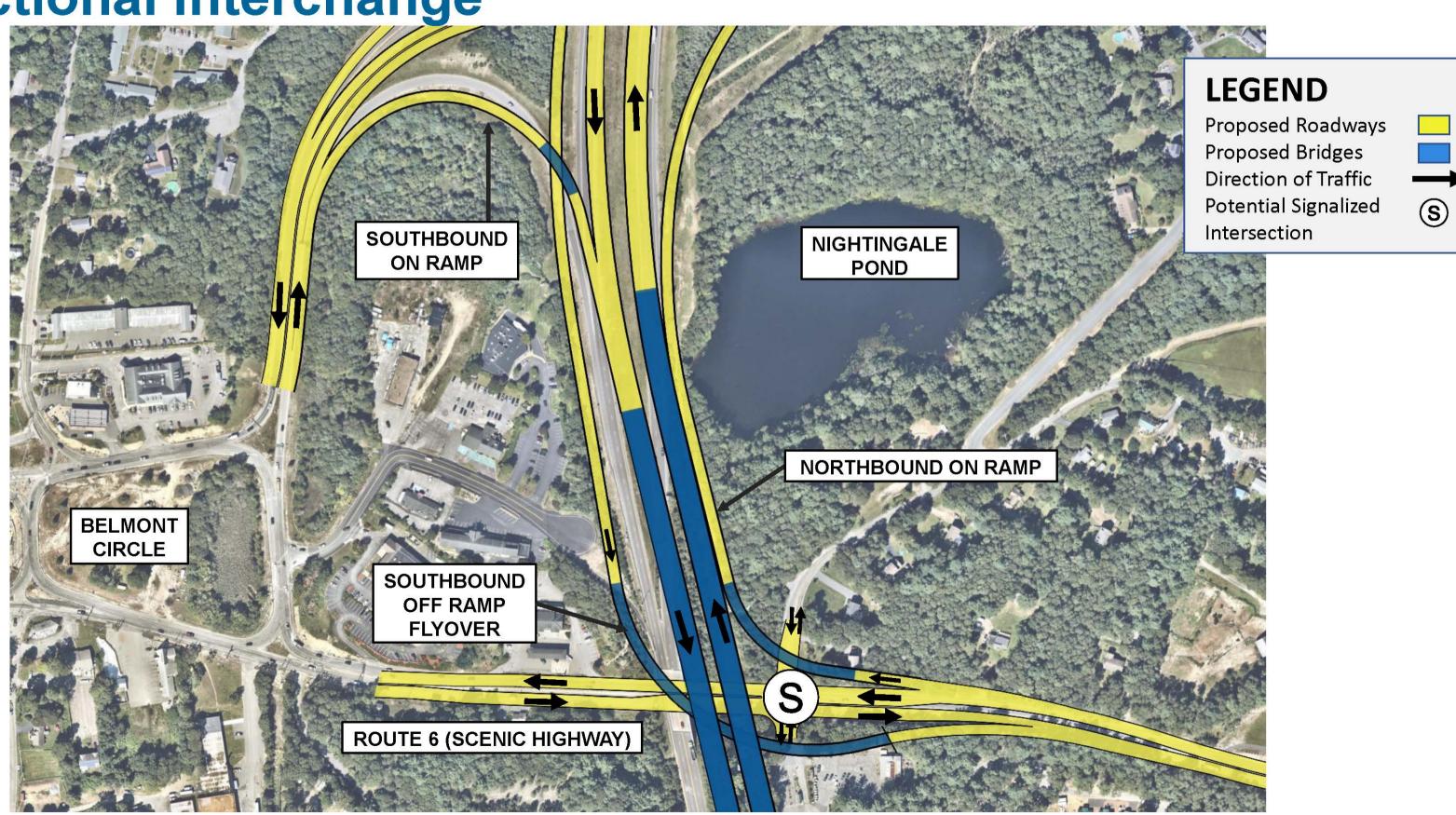
## Roadway Connection Alternatives Directional Interchange

#### **Design Considerations**

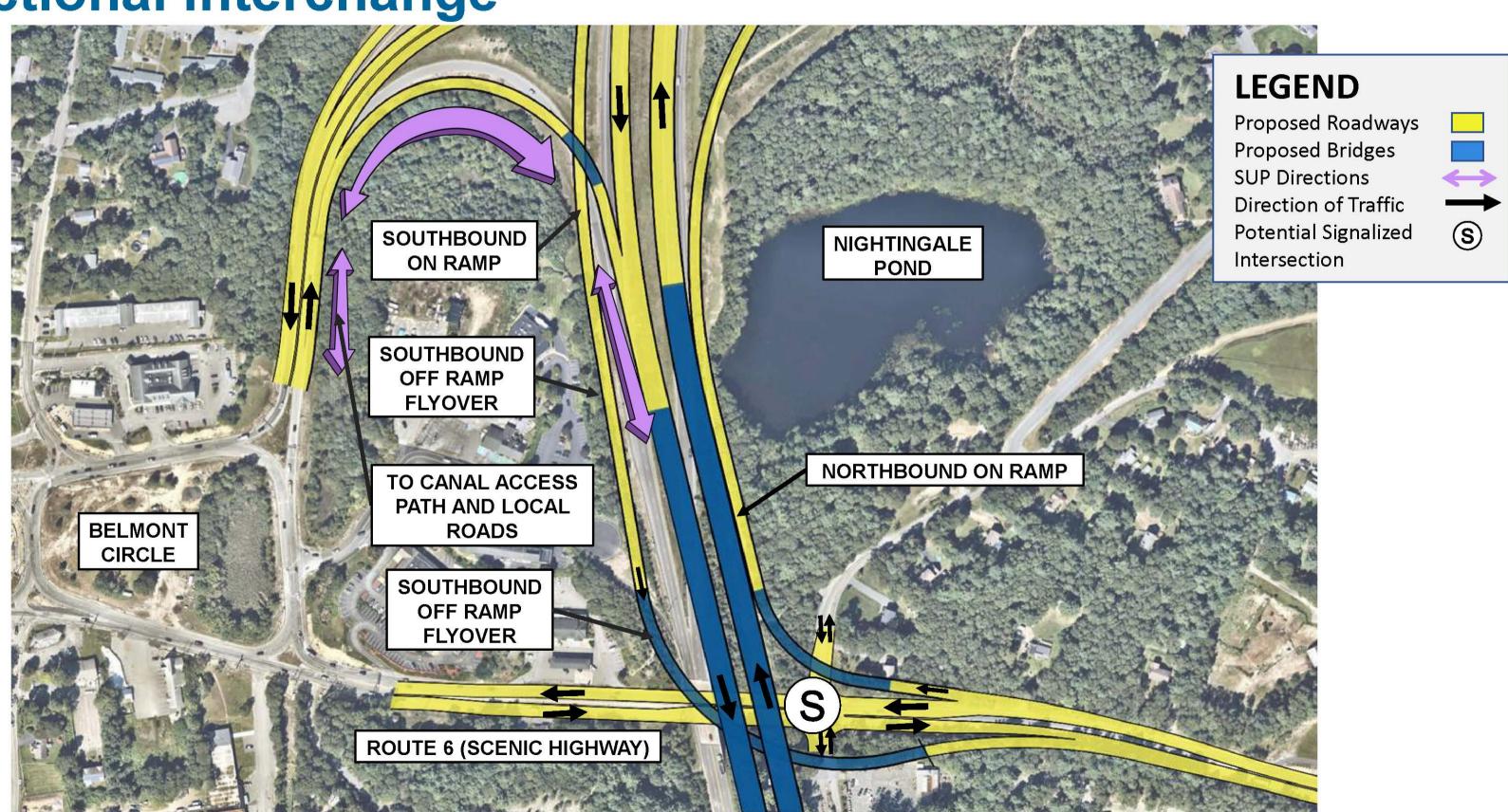
- Introduces directional Southbound Off-Ramp from Route 25 to Eastbound Scenic Highway
- Introduces directional Westbound Scenic Highway to Northbound Route 25 On-Ramp
- Anticipated to improve operations and safety at Belmont Circle
- Likely more Right of Way impacts than other alternatives.



**Directional Interchange** 



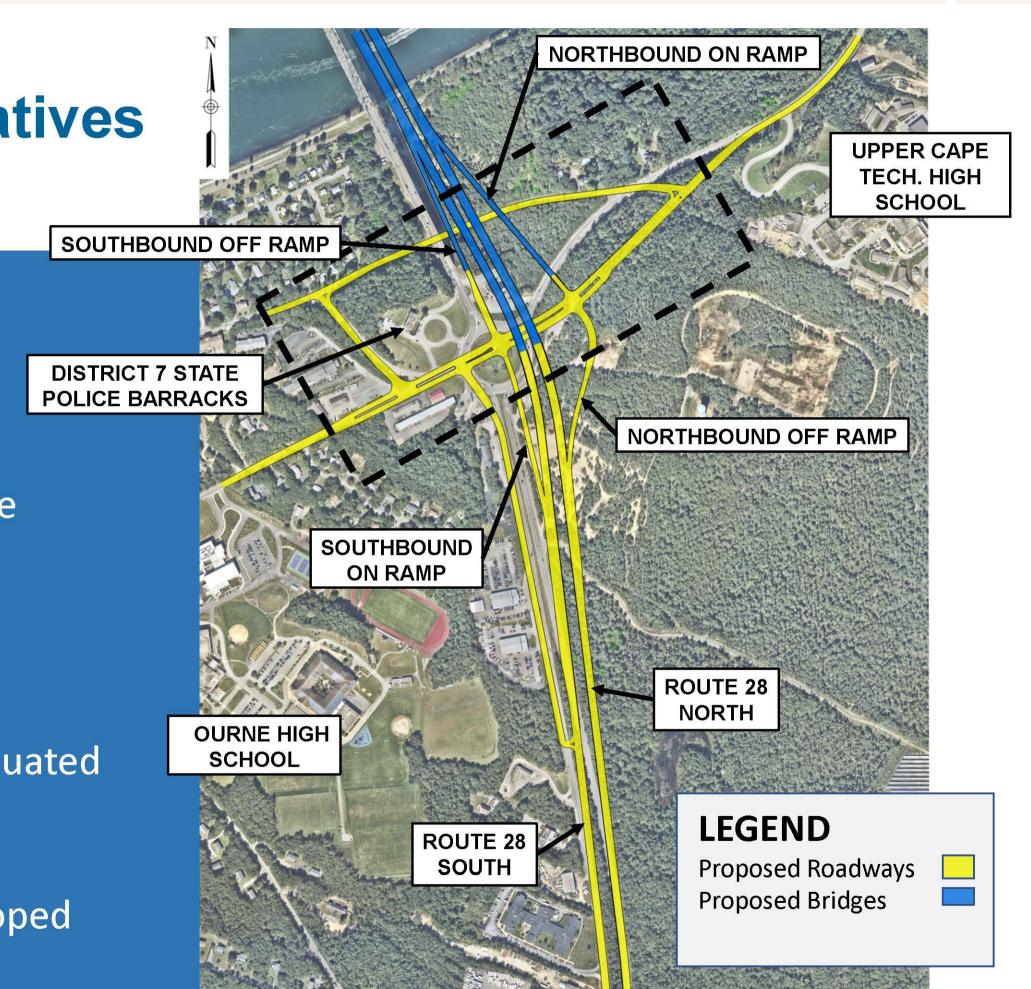
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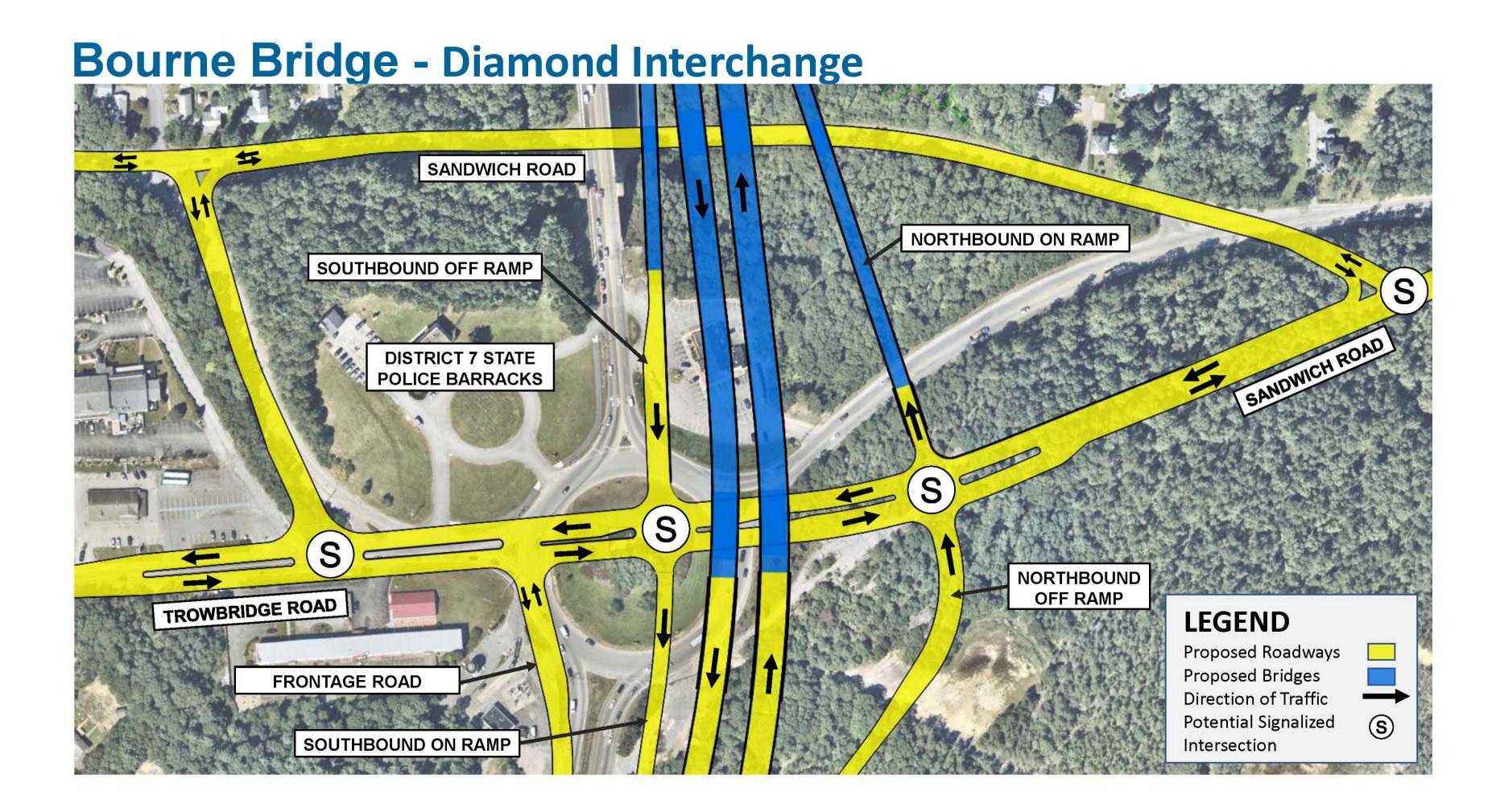


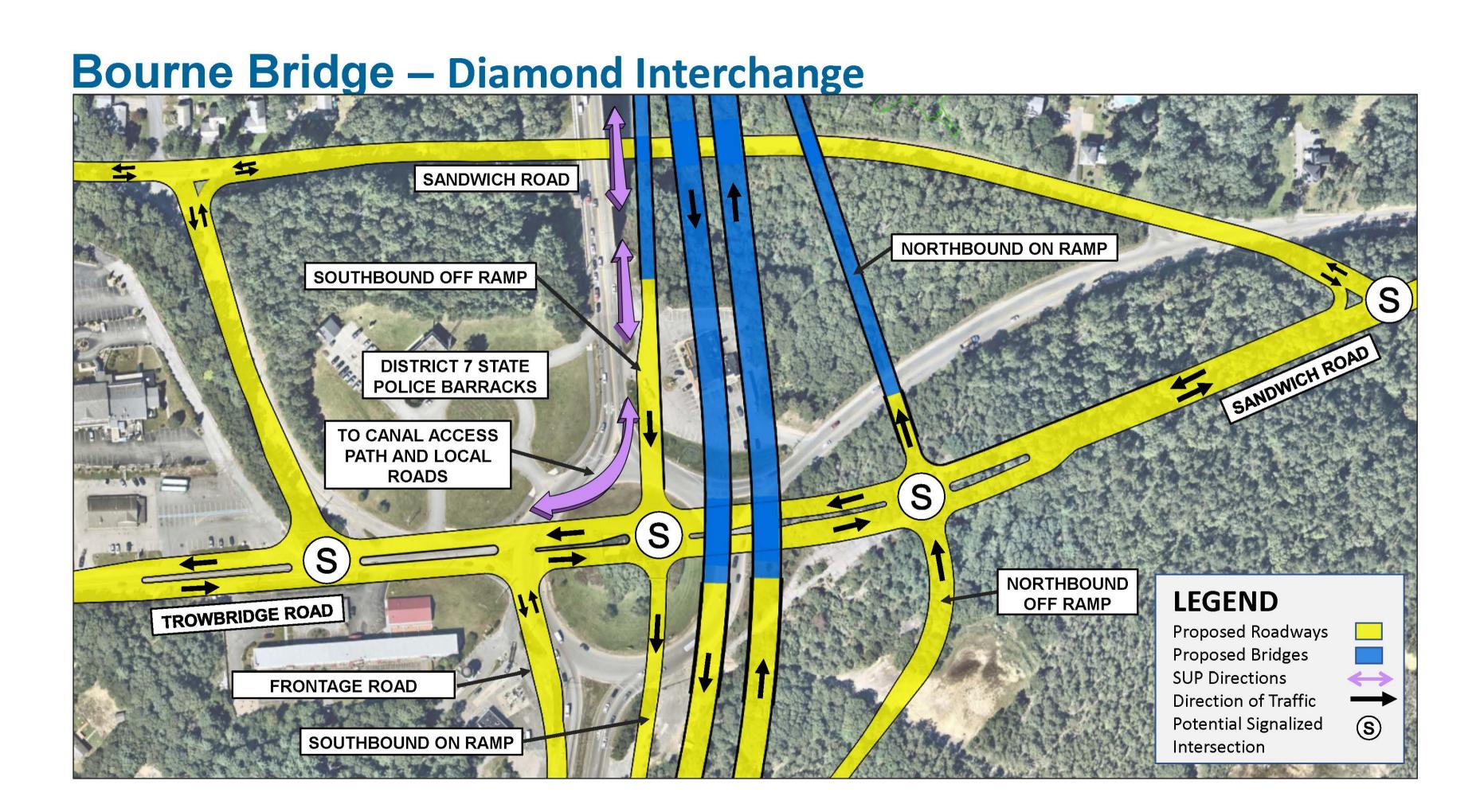
## Roadway Connection Alternatives Diamond Interchange

#### **Design Considerations**

- Most common interchange type
- Route 25/28 span over relocated Trowbridge Road
- Bourne Rotary is eliminated
- Upper Cape Tech drive entrance will be evaluated as design development progresses
- Property impacts concentrated on undeveloped land east of Route 25/28





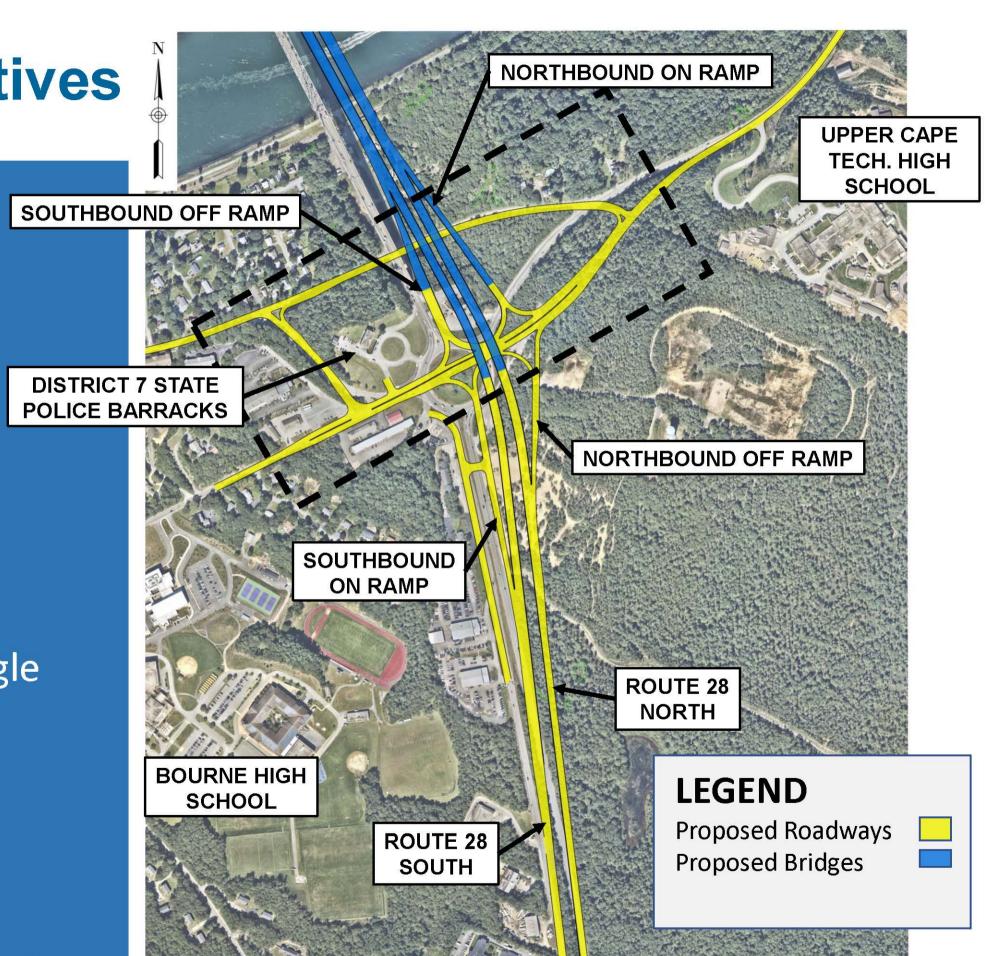


Roadway Connection Alternatives
Single-Point Interchange

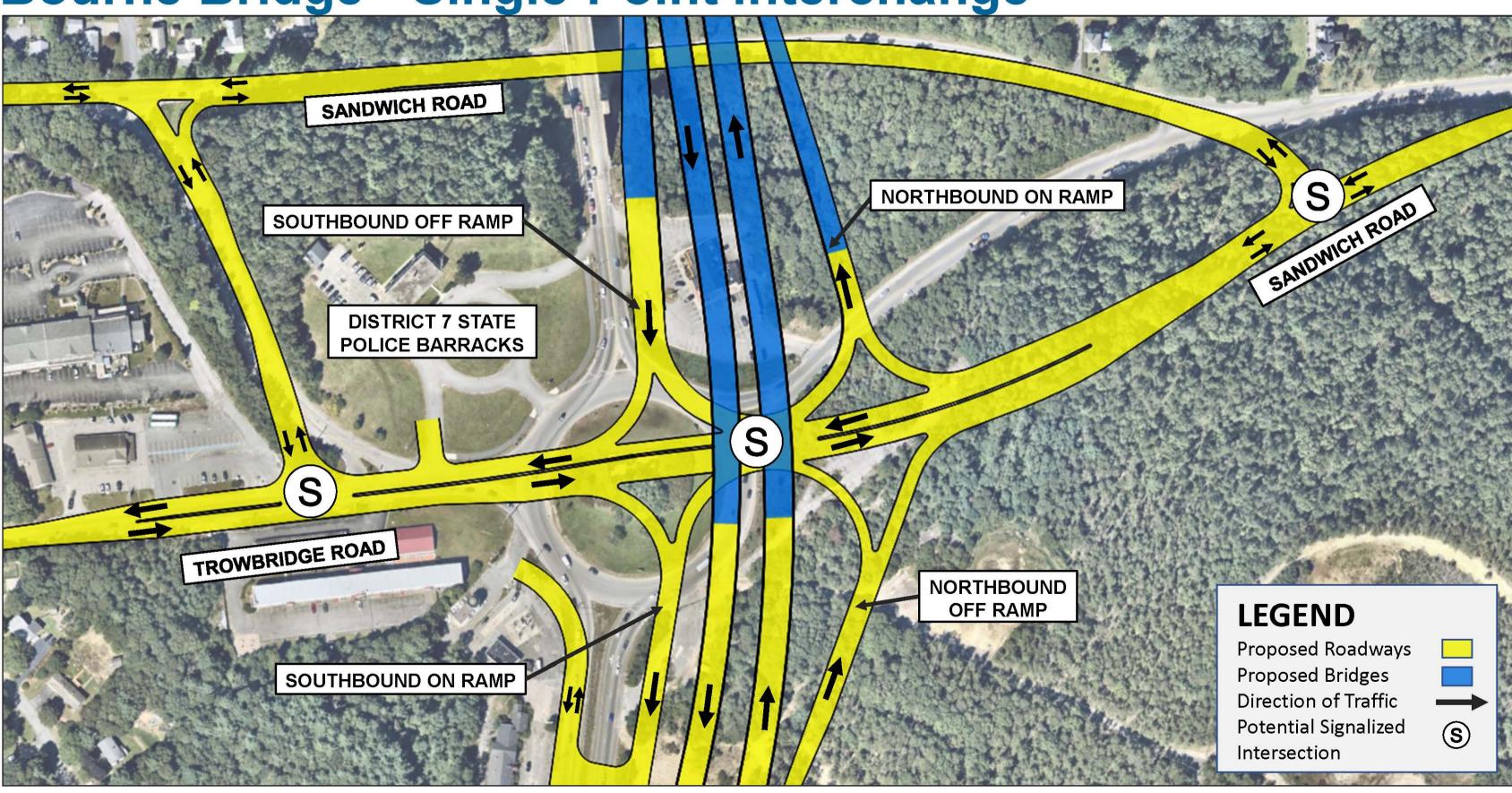
#### **Design Considerations**

 Route 25/28 span over relocated Trowbridge Road

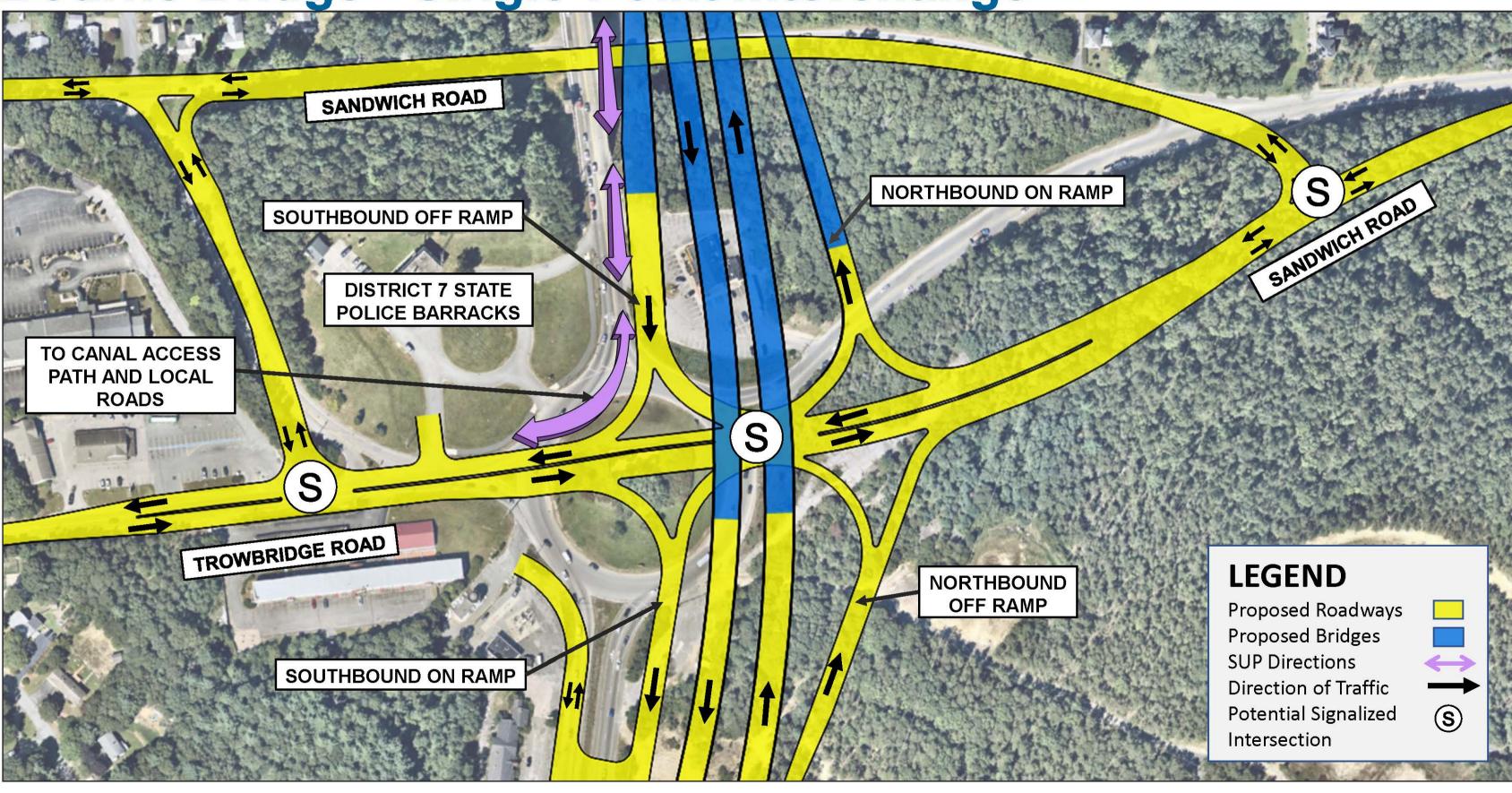
- Eliminates Bourne Rotary
- Local connections are done via slip ramps
- Ramps intersect Trowbridge at a central ("Single Point") intersection
- Upper Cape Tech drive entrance will be evaluated as design development progresses
- Property impacts concentrated on undeveloped land east of Route 25/28



**Bourne Bridge - Single-Point Interchange** 



Bourne Bridge - Single-Point Interchange





# **Next Steps**

- The alternatives presented today will be included the Environmental Notification Form (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) (MEPA) to be filed in the spring.
- All comments will be reviewed by the MEPA Office and considered when issuing the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
- Additional design development
- Measures of Effectiveness

Example Measures: Traffic Operations

Safety Analysis Schedule

Property Impacts Cost

**Environmental Impacts** 

# **Next Steps**

- Continued Public Involvement
  - Open House / MEPA Public Meeting
  - Advisory Group
- USACE and MassDOT will continue to pursue all possible avenues for funding



# How will we keep you informed?

# **Public Outreach**

#### Newspaper

- Cape Cod Chronicle
- The Barnstable Patriot
- El Planeta
- Provincetown Independent
- Vocero Hispano
- The Bourne Enterprise

#### **MassDOT Social Media**

- Facebook
- Twitter

#### Thanks to the following for sending notice of this meeting:

- Town of Bourne Commission on Disability
- Town of Bourne Council on Aging
- Cape Organization for rights of the disabled
- Registry of Motor Vehicles





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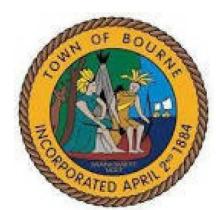
## The Barnstable Patriot

















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